

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Thomas R. Goodwin, as inventor, declares that my name, Post Office address, and citizenship are:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A NETWORK METHOD SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING AND MAINTAINING RECORDS", the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37CFR 1.56 (a).

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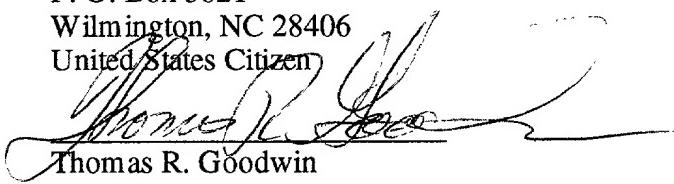
As the named inventor I hereby appoint the following Attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b))  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35 United States Code to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "A NETWORK METHOD SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING AND MAINTAINING RECORDS", the specification which is filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person who would not be classified as an independent inventor under 37CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37CFR 1.9 (d) or a non-profit organization under 37CFR 1.9 (e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file in this application or patent a notification of any change in the status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying at the earliest of the issue fee, or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37CFR 128 (b)).

I hereby declare all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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